

ACTION ITEM

Delta Independent Science Board Reappointment

Summary: The Lead Scientist will ask the Council to reappoint Dr. Stephen Brandt to the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB).

Requested Action

Lead Scientist John Callaway will make a recommendation to appoint Dr. Stephen Brandt to a second term on the Delta ISB.

Background

The Delta ISB was created as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code section 85280(a)) to provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta and to provide independent science advice about the Delta Plan (Water Code section 85308(a)). The Act specifies the following criteria for Delta ISB members:

The Delta Independent Science Board shall consist of no more than 10 members appointed by the Council. The term of office for members of the Delta Independent Science Board shall be five years. A member may serve no more than two terms. (Water Code Section 85280(a) (1)).

Members of the Delta Independent Science Board shall be nationally or internationally prominent scientists with appropriate expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The members shall not be directly affiliated with a program or agency subject to the review activities of the Delta Independent Science Board (Water Code Section 85280(a) (2)).

Dr. Brandt joined the Delta ISB on Dec. 15, 2013. Dr. Brandt, who is now the Delta ISB chair, is eligible and willing to serve a second five-year term. He is a Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University, where his research focuses on fish ecology and management of marine and freshwater ecosystems. He has extensive interdisciplinary experience with large-scale ecosystems, which includes the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, the Northern Gulf of Mexico, and the Adriatic Sea. Additional information regarding Dr. Brandt's background and research can be found in his curriculum vitae:

<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/2018-delta-isb-cv-steve-brandt>.

Since joining the Delta ISB, Dr. Brandt played a significant role in the review on "fish and flows," the Delta Plan Amendment for Conveyance, Storage Systems and the

Operation of Both, and the synthesis papers for the Delta Plan Ecosystem Amendment, among other reviews.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

None.

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